

JASPER F. MORTON.

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Mr. ALGER, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 11413.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 11413) granting an increase of pension to Jasper F. Morton, have examined the same and report:

The report of the Committee on Invalid Pensions of the House of Representatives, hereto appended, is adopted and the passage of the bill is recommended.

The House report is as follows:

This officer, now 66 years of age, served as sergeant, first lieutenant, and captain of Company F, Twenty-first Kentucky Infantry, from October 1, 1861, to December 9, 1865, when honorably discharged.

Records of the War Department do not show that he was under treatment during his period of service.

He never applied for pension under the general law, but is now pensioned under the act of June 27, 1890, at \$12 per month for total disability, the result of rheumatism and disease of heart and paralysis of the right side.

When last examined, on October 7, 1903, the board of surgeons described his condition as follows:

"He has a very nervous heart. The heart beats with a shake and quiver. Apex beat can not be inspected or palpated. There is considerable dyspnoea.

"He has a senile cataract in each eye, but not very well developed, and does not impair sight much yet.

"Has a fatty tumor on the outer side of the hip, about 3½ by 4½ inches—about the size of a goose egg.

"Has nearly total paralysis of right arm and leg. Can not raise his hand from side and can not straighten his fingers, which are drawn or contracted toward the palm. His right leg is not in as bad condition as his hand, but he walks with difficulty with a cane. He has to have the aid and attendance of a nurse all the time in dressing, undressing, etc.

"There is an occasional attack of vertigo and nausea.

"The man is totally disabled."

The statement of Hon. W. Godfrey Hunter, the member who introduced the bill, filed with your committee, sets forth that he knows that the beneficiary is in straitened circumstances.

An increase of this officer's pension to \$24 per month is warranted, in the light of numerous precedents, it being shown that he rendered four years of honorable service, and is now paralyzed and requires the aid of a second person.

The passage of the bill is therefore recommended.